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REQUEST	Application Number	09/926,486	
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL	Filing Date	November 9, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	KUBOTA	
Address to:	Group Art Unit	1775	
Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents	Examiner Name	Archene A. Turner	
P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Number	2922-173	
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.			
 Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Note: amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order of lapplicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered such amendment(s). a. Previously submitted i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under March 15, 2004 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal 	r in which they were filed unless and amendment(s) entered, applicant are 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previou	oplicant instructs otherwise. t must request non-entry of sly filed on	
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal iii. Other b. Enclosed i. X Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavit(s)/Declarations iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS iv. Other		ny nied on	
2. Miscellaneous	d application is servered.	-d27.0.E.D. C	
a. Suspension of action on the above-identifie	• •	_	

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)		
	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED	
NAME AND REG. NUMBER	Willem F. DeWeerd, Reg. No. 51,613	
SIGNATURE	DATE 4/16/04	

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
a.
The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

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Other _

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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)

Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

X RCE fee required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(e)

b. X Check in the amount of \$1300 enclosed.

ii. X Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)